

**Commission on Safety and Health and Workers' Compensation**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING BY CONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, March 15, 2001**

**San Francisco, California**

In Attendance by Conference Call

Chair John C. Wilson

Commissioners Jill A. Dulich, Kristen Schwenkmeyer, Robert B. Steinberg,

Darrel "Shorty" Thacker, Tom Rankin, Leonard McLeod

Executive Officer Christine Baker

CHSWC Staff: Tom McBirnie, Kirsten Strömberg, Irina Nemirovsky, Janice Yapdiangco

**Purpose of Meeting**

The Assembly Committee on Insurance has requested that the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation respond to several questions regarding the workers' compensation system in California.

The purpose of this 'Special CHSWC Meeting by Conference Call' is to enable the Commission members to review the responses and release the report to the Legislature.

PLEASE NOTE that the questions posed and information requested by the Assembly Insurance Committee are not to be viewed as a legislative proposal.

**Call to Order**

CHSWC Chair John Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and asked for a roll call by telephone.

**Resignation of Commissioner Gerald O'Hara**

Chairman Wilson announced that Commissioner Gerald O'Hara had resigned from the Commission. The Commission members and staff appreciate and thank Mr. O'Hara for his service and wish him well in future endeavors.

**Draft Report: CHSWC Response to Questions from the Assembly Committee on Insurance**

Executive Officer Christine Baker stated that the Commission staff, with the assistance of Dr. Robert Reville from Rand and Mr. Frank Neuhauser of the Survey Research Center at the University of California at Berkeley, developed a draft report responding to questions from the Assembly Insurance Committee.

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Ms. Baker informed the Commission that minor changes have been made to the draft report that was sent out recently to the Commission members. Ms. Baker reviewed these changes during the conference call. She stated that the report would be ready for submission to the Assembly Committee on Insurance on March 19, 2001.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Neuhauser to write an addendum on cost of living adjustment for the report, which would be sent to the Assembly after the Commission's review.

*CHSWC Vote*

Commissioner Rankin moved to release the report "Response to Questions from the Assembly Committee on Insurance" to the Assembly Insurance Committee. Commissioner Darryl "Shorty" Thacker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Wilson", followed by the date "4/19/01". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

John C. Wilson, Chair

Date

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christine Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Christine Baker, Executive Officer